

she has been able to affect greatly legislation in connection with her agenda in these and other important arenas.

On a broader scope, her work on the Committee on Foreign Affairs has been noteworthy and knowledgeable, especially her work on foreign aid and African issues.

Not only is she an able legislator, but she is a person of character, intellect, and dedication. She is truly a lady in every sense of the word, and what I believe we would say today "A Class Act."

Her sense and sensibility will be missed in the Senate, and her wit, grace, and style will long be remembered.

On a personal note, we are proud to claim NANCY KASSEBAUM as an honorary citizen of South Carolina. Her outstanding son, John, an attorney, is a resident of Charleston, and he had the good fortune and good taste to marry a lovely South Carolinian, Elizabeth Williams Kassebaum. They have two handsome children. Now that NANCY is retiring, we hope she will spend even more time in our State, where she is greatly admired.

The U.S. Senate is a better place because of NANCY LANDON KASSEBAUM, and her shoes will be hard to fill. She spoke softly, but wielded a big stick when standing up for her beliefs and principles. Her character was sterling and she has left a rich heritage for the future worth its weight in gold.

We shall miss her, and in the words of the Bard, "We shall not see her likes again."

#### RETIREMENT OF SENATOR HOWELL HEFLIN

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend, Senator HOWELL HEFLIN, known by many of his colleagues and friends as "the Judge," who, regrettably, is retiring from the Senate.

On November 2, 1978, the U.S. Senate gained one of the most respected, intelligent and able Senators in HOWELL HEFLIN. HOWELL grew up as a son of a Methodist minister, and was educated at Birmingham Southern and the University of Alabama Law School. With a J.D. Degree in hand, he practiced law with wide recognition as a noted trial attorney, gaining numerous honors and awards among law societies and associations.

During his career, HOWELL has made many important contributions to our great Nation. In addition to being an attorney, HOWELL served as Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court prior to his election to the Senate, and he brought to the Senate an extensive knowledge of the judicial process. During his tenure as Chief Justice, "the Judge" brought about an unprecedented judicial reform package for his State, which has been hailed as a model for the Nation and has been studied by numerous other courts throughout the United States. This ex-

tensive knowledge and background made HOWELL HEFLIN a natural candidate to serve on the Senate Judiciary Committee. For years we have served together on this committee, and have worked closely on a number of judicial reform initiatives and measures to fight crime and drug abuse. The members of the Judiciary Committee who have worked with HOWELL have undoubtedly benefited from his insight on judicial matters.

As with many southern States, agriculture plays an important part in Alabama's economy, and in addition to his commitment to judicial issues, HOWELL has an equally strong interest in agricultural concerns. He has been called the spokesman for southern agriculture by the Associated Press, and makes his fight for farmers a national priority.

Senator HEFLIN, a former Marine who served in World War II, has a special interest in a strong national defense. His work with President Reagan on the Strategic Defense Initiative, and cooperation with President Bush on defense matters demonstrates his non-partisan spirit and his commitment to the security of this great Nation.

Throughout his Senate service, HOWELL has maintained his Alabama roots and applied his down home, southern values of common sense and level headedness to his work in the Senate.

I have great respect for Senator HEFLIN's commitment to his work, his integrity, as well as his dedication to his constituents and to the United States of America. As he heads home to Alabama, I wish him well in his retirement, and trust that he will enjoy many years of health, happiness, and spending more time with his growing family.

#### TRIBUTE TO SENATOR WILLIAM S. COHEN

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to Senator WILLIAM S. COHEN, who is retiring at the end of the present year.

When one thinks of New England, many images come to mind. Light-houses on rocky points, lobster and clam bakes on beaches, and men and women of few words but great wisdom. Our colleague from Maine, WILLIAM S. COHEN, is just one such person, a well-educated, well-read man with an impressive background in government who has done much to benefit our Nation.

Senator COHEN began his life in public service as an assistant county attorney for Penobscot County, and later went on to serve on the staff of the Governor of Maine's State Credit Research Committee. This experience in the public sector sparked BILL's interest in a career in elected office, and it was not long before he held a succession of local positions beginning with city councilor for Bangor, followed by mayor of that same locale. Soon BILL turned his attention from the respon-

sibilities of a local official to the challenges that a seat in the House of Representatives presents, and in 1972, he was elected to Congress. For three terms, BILL represented the people of his district faithfully, but in 1978, he felt that he could better serve his State and Nation by being a U.S. Senator, and he was elected to the first of what would be three terms.

During his tenure in this body, Senator COHEN has served on both the Armed Services Committee and the Committee on Intelligence, working hard on a number of issues of great importance to the defense of the Nation. As the chairman of the Armed Services Committee, I can say without question that BILL approaches his responsibilities with great seriousness and purposefulness of mind. We have all benefited from the contributions he has made to the security of the United States and are grateful for his efforts.

I hope that BILL leaves the Senate with fond memories of his time here and a sense of accomplishment for his efforts. Knowing BILL, upon his retirement, he is going to pursue endeavors that will be interesting and challenging, and no matter what he undertakes, I am sure that he will enjoy great success. I have been pleased to serve with my good friend from Maine, and I wish him all the best in the years ahead.

#### TRIBUTE TO SENATOR HANK BROWN

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I rise to pay a tribute to Senator HANK BROWN since he is retiring at the end of the current year.

If there is one image that people around the world have of a Westerner, it is that of an independent man or woman who rides tall in the saddle, stands up for what he or she believes is right, and is a person of great practicality and common sense. Without question, these are the type of attributes that one finds in our friend and colleague, HANK BROWN of Colorado, who is bringing his career in Congress to a close.

Though a Member of this body for only one term, Senator BROWN is no stranger to Capitol Hill as he served for 10 years in the House of Representatives. Throughout his tenure in both Houses of Congress, he demonstrated a commonsense approach to the issues before the Nation. As a conservative, he took a hard line against Government waste, an excessive Federal budget, and efforts by bureaucrats and environmentalists to impede the rights of land owners, ranchers, and those who seek to harness the riches of the West.

I had the good fortune to serve with HANK on both the Committee on the Judiciary and the Veterans' Affairs Committee over the past 6 years, and his commitment to his work and to serving the Nation impressed me greatly. Without question, my colleague from Colorado approached his duties seriously and sought to represent his